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WEEKEND

FRIDAY

ROT Rally begins

The Republic of Texas Biker Rally's 11-mile parade begins at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Travis County Exposition Center and ends in front of the Capitol.

World Cup

South Africa takes on Mexico at 9 a.m., and Uruguay and France square off at 1:30 p.m.

GOP convenes

The Republican Party of Texas begins its 2010 convention today in Dallas.

SATURDAY

World Cup

South Korea plays Greece at 6:30 a.m., and Argentina and Nigeria take the field at 9 a.m.

Who let the dogs out?

Southern rapper Pitbull performs at Austin Music Hall at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$44.50 online.

SUNDAY

World Cup

Old rivals U.S. and England face off at 1:30 p.m.

'My hours are long, and my pay is low'

Junior Brown and Tanya Rae take the stage at the Continental Club at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 at the door.

Committee authorizes travel despite US safety warnings

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

UT's International Oversight Committee has not blocked any summer programs or graduate students looking to conduct research in countries with the U.S. State Department's travel warnings, the University's director of international public affairs said Thursday.

The committee is charged with

the task of reviewing all travel requests to countries with warnings, including Mexico, Afghanistan, Iraq and Israel. The committee, composed of international travel and risk specialists, faculty members and academic leaders, is led by Janet Ellzey, vice provost of international programs.

Christian Clarke Casarez, director of international public affairs, said the committee has not reject-

ed any graduate student's request to travel abroad.

"The committee is committed to preserving academic freedom and the University's robust research agenda while ensuring the safety of its community of students and scholars as they travel around the world," Casarez said. "With strong academic preparation and

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Geography graduate student Lindsey Carte plans to research migration patterns in southern Mexico.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND



Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Shane Cormier cools off with his dog at the Barton Creek Greenbelt on Thursday. Cormier was surprised to see so little activity after Wednesday's rainfall, which usually draws more people to the area because of the increased water level.

TEXAS 4000

Cyclists begin journey, find rhythm

Editor's note: Riders from the Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer corresponds with The Daily Texan through a series of articles from the road. Each week over the 70-day trek, riders from the Rocky Mountain and Coastal routes will describe their experiences along the journey, depicting the places they pedal through and the people they meet along the way.

By Sam Kutscha
Daily Texan Guest Columnist
Rocky Mountain Route

Three days ago, the whole team rode out of Austin with the flashing lights of the Austin Police Department protecting us. After a lunch of hot pizza on an even hotter day, we spent

the afternoon riding to Running Brushy Middle School, our home for the night. The Oasis provided refreshments for the evening, and we all settled in for a brief night's sleep. The team was roused early in the morning, and everyone rushed to pack their bags and hop on their bikes. Members of the Austin cycling community had gathered to see us off. The Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer was the guest of honor on the ATLAS ride, an annual charity ride to Lampasas. The ATLAS ride set the tone

for the beginning of our journey: heat. The temperature rose steadily into the upper 90s as friends and family made their way along the 25-, 50- or 70-mile options to the finish line at a winery. The finish line was a tremendous relief, with cold drinks, barbecue and live music. Day Two began with last year's Textas 4000 riders leading us in our most important tradition: the ride-dedication circle. Everyone in the circle dedicated their day of riding to someone who has had experience with cancer. This is how

the Texas 4000 personalizes its mission.

After hugging goodbye the teammates who were not on our own routes, we rolled out. We slogged through 102 degrees and blinding sunlight. The downhill stretches provided a welcome breeze that cooled us down and kept us going. Making it through to the end of the day was a tough but important rite of passage.

With the stinging heat of Day Two still fresh in our minds, we set out the next day for Cresson. Our team members had woken up together for the second consecutive morning and

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Grant money to aid highway patrol

By Michael Sherfield
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Police Department has quietly ticketed and cited their way to safer interstates and highways in Austin.

Through a unique grant program that has provided more than \$1 million a year in overtime to off-duty police officers, APD has significantly reduced collisions and fatalities on Interstate Highway 35, U.S. 290, Research Boulevard and Mopac Expressway in the past three years.

The third edition of the yearly grant — which provides \$895,514 for enforcement and pays for more than 9,000 man hours — was accepted by City Council on Thurs-

day. It also provides \$303,089 for traffic safety education, such as public service announcements and programs targeted at high school students.

"So far we've done very well reducing fatalities, collisions and serious injury collisions," said APD Lt. Craig Cannon, who oversees highway safety for APD. "We're down dramatically over the last year so far. Last year we had 34 [fatalities], and [so far] this year we have 18."

Collisions on Austin highways have decreased from 44,989 in 2007 to 39,039 in 2009, even as the city's population and traffic volume continue to increase.

In 2007, APD requested and received a grant usually reserved

for highway patrols from the DOT to help enforce traffic laws on major roads.

"We're the only municipality in the United States to get this grant because of the way Austin is set up," Cannon said. "I'm highway-enforcement commander. There are not a lot of cities that have a highway-enforcement command. We are the highway patrol of the city of Austin. We know in the past it's been given to

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Colorado to join Pac-10; others may leave Big 12

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff

The Big 12 is on life support after Colorado officially announced it has accepted an invitation to join the Pac-10 yesterday morning.

One by one, more teams are expected to depart from the 14-year-old conference, starting with Nebraska, who will reportedly join the Big Ten. But apart from Colorado's commitment to the Pac-10, nothing is official.

Texas and Texas A&M presidents and athletic officials met yesterday morning to discuss the possibility of conference realignment, though they did not reach any decisions, The Associated Press reported Thursday. A Baylor representative was also present at the meeting.

According to the AP, an anonymous source briefed on the meeting said everyone was waiting for Nebraska's decision.

Over the past week, reports and rumors have spread throughout the sports world, which if true would affect the entire landscape of college sports. The chitchat includes reports that five other Big 12 universities, including Texas, will follow Colorado and merge with the Pac-10 to create a 16-team "super conference."

Expected to follow suit would be Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. This scenario would leave Baylor, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri and Iowa State without a conference.

If the five aforementioned teams were to follow Colorado, the new Pac-10 would feature two divisions — eastern and western. The eastern division would include the six former Big 12 schools in addition to Arizona and Arizona State. The western division would feature the

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Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

APD Assistant Chief Patti Robinson talks with a fellow officer while Central Bureau Cmdr. Patrick Ockletree listens to the changes to the City Council's agenda. The council accepted a unique grant to APD from the U.S. Transportation Department on Thursday that provides funding for highway patrols and traffic safety education.

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CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, a page-five story in Tuesday's paper incorrectly outlined the procedure by which the city of Austin's Citizen Review Panel within the Office of the Police Monitor may reach a decision on a given complaint. The panel can reach a decision in any given meeting but has a 30-day period to respond to a complaint.

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You can suck my iPad.

RIDER: Members become 'like family'

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felt a rhythm beginning to develop within the group. We enjoyed a short ride downhill that allowed for an early arrival at our destination.

The past few days have been quite an adventure. There have been spills and accidents, but when they happen, everyone rushes to help. We are quickly becoming like a family. We look out for one another, encouraging everyone to be safe. Sometimes the reason for our riding slips our minds, but the people we meet who take part in the fight against cancer reflect our mission in their help. We see the pain of their losses and the hope we inspire in them. We see their thankfulness for our dedication and their longing to join us. Most of all, we see the solidarity in realizing the profound impact cancer has on everyone. It tears through us unseen and turns its victims' bodies against them. It may seem that there is nothing we can do to stop such a terrible illness, but this is not



Courtesy of Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer

One Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer cyclist talks to students at Running Brushy Middle School. The Texas 4000 is the world's longest annual charity bike ride.

true. We are all in this fight together, and we look to each other for strength.

We have only been riding for three days, and each day

is an opportunity to fight cancer and make a difference. It is an opportunity to be seized by fearless Texas 4000 riders. We are adventurous, and we

set out each day to cure cancer. We don't have to be scientists in a lab to fight cancer — just motivated and inspired individuals.

BIG 12: Reports link Longhorns to Big Ten move

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remaining eight teams that are already members of Pac-10.

While Texas and Texas A&M were in discussions, Pac-10 Commissioner Larry Scott did not rule out the possibility of Colorado being the only addition to the West Coast-based conference.

"I'd say that [having an 11-team conference] is a possibility," Scott said yesterday.

An 11-team conference is currently what the Big 12 is left with. But reports have linked the Longhorns and Aggies to the Big Ten. KCTV, a Kansas City television station, reported Thursday that Texas and Texas A&M "are looking to move to the Big Ten," and that Oklahoma "is currently working on petitioning to enter the SEC."

The Houston Chronicle's Richard Justice reported on his Twitter on Thursday afternoon, "Hearing Mountain West [Conference] will go after Kansas, K-State and Boise [State]."

How the conferences will be aligned should become clear in the coming days.

SYSTEM: Institutions must approve all school-sponsored foreign activities

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faculty support, our graduate students all have demonstrated a compelling reason [for] why they must travel to a restricted region. They also have demonstrated an understanding of the risks and a plan to mitigate those risks."

Though there are three levels of "risk" applied to different areas within countries with travel warnings, each applicant must submit paperwork identifying why he or she is traveling.

The UT administration recalled students from Monterrey, Mexico, on March 23 in response to grow-

ing violence in the country and in consideration of a State Department travel warning.

On April 23, the UT System announced a new policy toward foreign study travel in northern Mexico and other restricted countries, in which all UT institutions are required to review all UT-sponsored foreign activities. The institutions are now charged with the authority to suspend programs and graduate students, if necessary.

"The UT System and its institutions have had a long-standing relationship with Mexican universities, but a determination had to be made about the safety of the stu-

dents," system spokesman Matt Flores said. "Those states named in the press release were the only places where we had programs in existence. If an individual chooses to go, that's a matter for that individual, but as it pertains to University-sponsored activities, it must be taken under advisement before permission is authorized for activity to be undertaken in Mexico."

Lindsey Carte, a geography graduate student, said she studies human migration and movement patterns from Central America to southern Mexico, and that she is not concerned about the region in which her studies will take place.

"In my area, the restriction is very low. I think that in general I understand the University's perspective in trying to keep students and researchers safe," Carte said. "But for my area in southern Mexico, I don't think a travel warning is warranted there. I always feel comfortable doing research there."

Othoniel Vazquez-Dominguez, another geography graduate student, is currently conducting research in Mexico. Vazquez-Dominguez said he would not be able to finish his graduate research load on time if he were not authorized to go.

Geography graduate student Josh Rudow said he will study the agriculture of the Tarahumara people for two months in Mexico. Rudow said the review process was helpful in understanding how dangerous the situation is in some areas.

"They said if you call the local police station [in my region in Mexico], you'd have a better chance of being kidnapped than helped," he said. "So far, the process has been pretty helpful; I haven't been turned down yet. I wasn't naive about it, but I learned a lot more about what's happening."

PATROL: APD ticketing for safety violations increases

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state patrols. ... So far, we've been the prototype."

With thousands of extra man hours paid for by the government, APD has taken to the streets, issuing more tickets for dangerous driving and monitoring commer-

cial vehicles, such as semis, for safety and driving violations.

APD uses only off-duty police officers for highway patrols to avoid removing much-needed manpower from other areas of the city, as crime rates have risen steadily over the past two years.

Meanwhile, there was no indication of how much revenue the tickets have generated.

"Revenue is not an issue," Cannon said. "We enforce the law."

Cannon said 2,166 truck safety inspections took place last year as a result of the funding, and 159 commercial vehicles were removed from service for major safety violations.

"So far, we've done very well. We're always looking for different grants or funding," Cannon said. "It's been very effective. For the federal government to do this for a third time for something that didn't exist two years ago speaks well for us."

'Cop on a Bike' program stresses motorcycle safety

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Police Department will take steps to ensure the safety of thousands of motorcyclists from across the country who will converge in the city for the 16th annual Republic of Texas Biker Rally this weekend. The event, which will be held at the Travis County Exposition Center, attracted about 200,000 people in 2009, and brings an estimated \$36 million to the city.

APD will have up to 30 additional police officers on Austin highways this weekend as part of its attempt to ensure the safety of visiting motorcyclists.

"We'll be trying a new operation this weekend called 'Cop on a Bike,'" APD Cpl. Robert Miljenovich said. "We're going to have a plainclothes APD officer riding on a civilian motorcycle, [and] they will be look-

ing for traffic violations around them, particularly concentrating on any violations that violate or interfere with bikers."

The officer on the motorcycle who notices particularly aggressive drivers will notify an unmarked car that will be following close by, and will then signal the driver to pull over.

APD held the press conference at Napalm Motorsports as a way of recognizing the company's donation to its efforts.

"We're loaning them a bike just to see how people treat motorcyclists [on the road]," Napalm Motorsports general manager Seth Mitchell said. "We'll loan [them] for three days."

"Traffic offenses, including following too closely and unsafe lane changes, will be of special interest to APD."

APD will be putting information on two message boards in the city that will display information about safety around motorcycles, in addition to the regular driver-safety messages.

The "Cop on a Bike" initiative is part of the Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks program, which is funded by a federal

grant. It allows the department to implement any programs that will ensure road safety.

Despite implementing the initiative for the past two years, APD does not have solid numbers on the effectiveness of the event.

"It's kind of hard to judge success based on traffic enforcement," Miljenovich said. "So I can't put anything [in] specific numbers."

Members of the biker community came to support the launch of this year's initiative at the shop.

"We support initiatives that support and guarantee our rights to be bikers," said National Lt. Cmdr. Paul Landers of the U.S. Defenders organization. "We promote safety and awareness within the community. And I'm not saying that we don't have our own people that cause problems, but it's distracted drivers in cars and pickups that are causing a lot of injuries to motorcyclists."

The officers will be ramping up their efforts Friday and Saturday, when the most motorcycle traffic is expected.

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VIEWPOINT

Surviving a parking ticket

OK. Imagine yourself as a gazelle in a herd of gazelles, and imagine that you and these gazelles are part of the grand herd of UT faculty, staff and students that park on campus.

It's grazing time, and you need to find a place to graze, but there are only certain patches you are allowed to graze on. And because you were too cheap to buy a grazing pass, there aren't many grazing patches you can use. So, what do you do now? You frolic. You frolic around like the gay little gazelle you are to your favorite grazing patch. Oh, but what's this. Your favorite grazing patch is full of fat, lazy — not to mention cheap — little student gazelles that are going to some lame movie at the Union. "Crabapples," you say to yourself, all-too-conscious of that big assignment you have due tomorrow. And so you frolic, a little less gaily this time, but you frolic nonetheless, searching for other free-grazing patches available to you. You pass one that looks promising, but it's only available to architecture students, another requires a D pass, the next has a meter, but, finally, you find a nice spot on San Jacinto Boulevard. You're suspicious at first because you remembered something about a change in grazing regulations from some administrative e-mail you haphazardly skimmed about a month ago, so you read the sign very carefully. "A, B and D passes required, Monday-Friday," it says, and aha! There it is: 7:15 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Victorious, you prance your proud little self right on over to that grazing patch, bow your head down and take a nice nibble of that fresh green grass. Then, bam! That mischievous UT Parking and Transportation Services man on a scooter leaps through the air from a nearby bush, tackles you to the ground, bites you right in the jugular and slaps you with a \$15-\$150 fine. And what led to your demise? The newly added, separate sign you failed to notice reading, "UT permit required at all times."

If you received one of the 60,000 parking tickets UTPTS issued last year, you know what being a gay gazelle in search of grazing patches feels like. The truth is, parking on campus is confusing and difficult, especially if you're cheap. With few parking spots, regulations in constant flux, signs that aren't always easy to find or decipher and UTPTS employees poised to jump at your slightest fumble, it's hard not to feel like UTPTS is trying to make you fail. Surprisingly, that's not true.

The thing about UTPTS is that it has a strict set of rules and regulations to enforce, and while the people there try really hard to ensure you're aware of these rules, they understand the rules and regulations aren't always apparent. To identify these kinds of problems, UTPTS enforces the rules and regulations as if you understand them, too, and it looks to the appeals process for feedback. For example, if UTPTS gave a student a ticket for parking without proper authorization and the student appealed the ticket because there was no sign displaying the rule, UTPTS would investigate. If the sign were missing, UTPTS would correct the problem and dismiss the ticket. To a large extent, the folks over at UTPTS don't necessarily know of a problem unless a ticket recipient notifies them of it through an appeal.

If you're on a tight budget, as most students and liberal arts professors are, and you have a decent excuse, then the appeals process might be a good option for you. Even if you have the extra cash laying around, don't just pay your ticket for the sake of convenience. If you feel your ticket was a cheap shot (and you're a bit of a humanitarian), take the time to file an appeal. You may prompt UTPTS to solve the problem and save others from receiving similarly unfair tickets. Also, keep in mind your payment signifies to UTPTS that you think the ticket is fair. If you think it wasn't, say so.

Admittedly, the appeals process is a bit subjective. There are no hard-set rules or precedents for deciding a ticket's dismissal. Although unlikely, two identical appeals could receive entirely different verdicts at the whim of the person reviewing them that day. With that said, it's important to stay on that person's good side. Be polite and respectful in your appeal, even if you're fuming inside, because that alone can influence the outcome. If your ticket isn't dismissed after an appeal, you still have the option to take your case to the Appeals Panel, which consists of 12 members from the faculty, staff and student body.

Regardless of your plans for the ticket, keep in mind that you're on a strict timeline. You have 12 days to appeal and 42 days to pay the ticket before accruing a late fee — and the longer you wait, the more late fees you'll accumulate. If you're a student, you can be barred from registration or have your grades and transcripts withheld for leaving tickets unpaid.

If you receive more than four tickets, or have one overdue ticket of more than 120 days, UTPTS can boot or impound your car and charge you even more fees to do so. Keep in mind that even if your car isn't currently registered with UTPTS, they still can link it to you through DMV ownership records and your vehicle registration history.

Considering that typically, only 20 percent of tickets are appealed, and a good portion of the tickets issued are the result of misunderstandings rather than purposeful rule-breaking, there are probably a lot of people who ended up paying more parking fines than they had to. Since only about one-third of appealed tickets are upheld and the rest are either dismissed or reduced, appealing will likely save you some money. Remember, UTPTS wants the parking rules and regulations to be as clear to you as possible. "I'm constantly asking myself, 'Am I making this as clear as I can?'" said Jeri Baker, the assistant director of UTPTS. "It's extremely important that the signs on campus convey the message they are intended to."

— Heath Cleveland for the editorial board

GALLERY



It's time to rethink our rights



By Emily Grubert
Daily Texan Columnist

It's a founding principle in the United States that people have the freedom to choose their lifestyle: their religion, their job, their activities. And property rights — the idea that we can individually own things and thereby gain control over our fate — are a fundamental tenet of capitalism.

Individualism is sacred. That said, we certainly acknowledge restrictions on our absolute right to do whatever we want — sometimes we can't afford what we want, or collectively decide that certain activities are harmful enough that we restrict them. Murder, for example.

Engineers are accustomed to testing systems by pushing them to extremes, thereby determining the limits of a system's capability. The societal structures of freedom and personal rights have rarely needed to be tested for robustness at the extreme. But as we add more people, increase our technological capabilities and improve access to powerful tools, it is becoming increasingly clear that we need to worry about limits of our societal structures, too.

What am I saying?
The limits of physical systems may, at some point, infringe on our ability to make personal choices.

Depending on how much value we assign to the future and to preserving natural resources, certain rights may need to be reconsidered.

I think it's pretty safe to say most people

agree that society cannot allow people to make certain choices that harm others — things like murder, rape and theft. But how direct does a harmful action need to be before we restrict it?

Assault is generally illegal. But what about contaminating drinking water and contributing to the illness of thousands of people downstream? Suddenly, the harm principle becomes trickier. If a person exercises his or her freedom to choose to live in an isolated community in a mountain full of headwater streams, and if that community is so isolated that there is no feasible way to treat sewage, then raw sewage ends up in major watersheds causing people downstream get sick and pay for medical treatment or water treatment. There's a direct harm.

But are we willing to tell people they can't live in the mountains? Or in easily eroded areas? Or in places where providing water and power it is extremely expensive and difficult? We already have societal mechanisms for restricting where people are able to live: cost, for example. But some communities that are most environmentally harmful are also the poorest ones — where people have lived for generations and are unable to afford environmental protections.

Maybe we choose to subsidize freedom, continuing to pay for harm elsewhere so that a few very small communities can continue propagating harm at low individual cost to many other people. Perhaps we value freedom highly enough that we accept extra costs to preserve it: a small number of additional deaths in the general population, remediation costs, that sort of thing.

That's a valid choice, but it's one we need to recognize we're making.

Consider how many of the individual freedoms

and so-called rights that we enjoy could be restricted — where we choose to live, the number of children we may have and what foods we eat.

There are examples of societies restricting any and all of these things, and increasing resource pressures suggest that more societies may move toward these greater restrictions.

It's rather demoralizing to picture a world filled with tight regulations and no personal freedoms so that society can continue to function in the future. And of course, there are ways to attain societal goals without directly enforcing laws on food consumption or child-bearing.

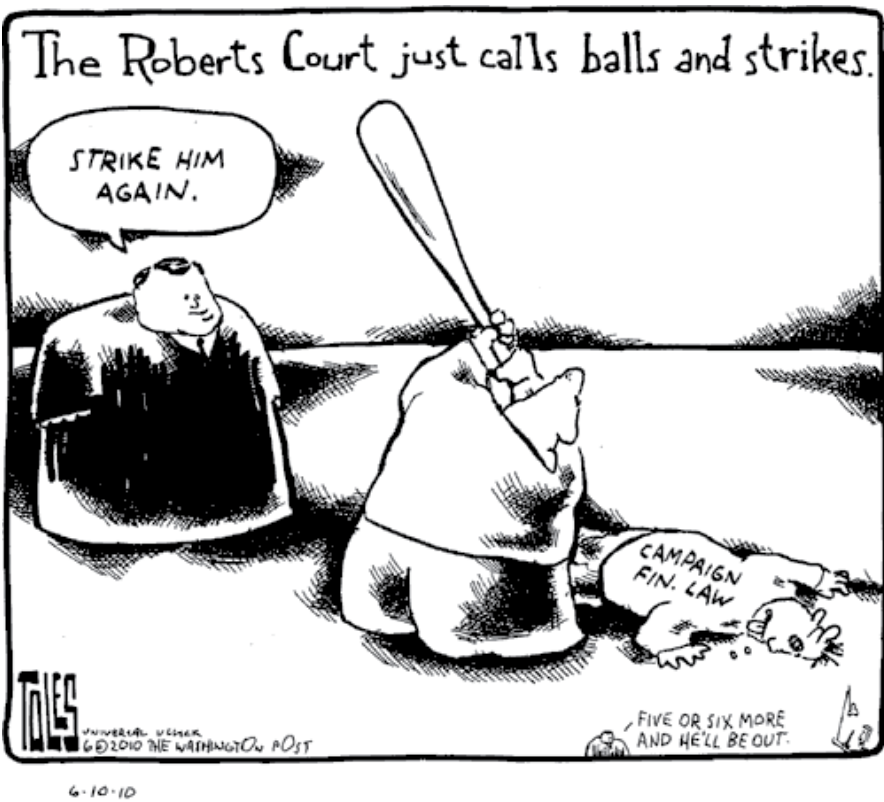
Increasing the cost of societally undesirable activities is a popular one because it doesn't remove a choice so much as make it unfeasible — for now. A person who really wants to make that choice can aspire to a greater level of wealth so that the option becomes feasible. Such is the American Dream.

What this boils down to is that people with less money have fewer freedoms. It's true now, but explicitly accounting for environmental damages or negative health impacts to society would probably exacerbate this problem. The alternatives are also somewhat messy — either directly regulating the choices all people are allowed to make, which sounds eminently undemocratic, or accepting that society is subsidizing freedom with illness and environmental degradation.

Likely, many people are willing to pay some extra costs to preserve the ability of the individual to act like one, but we need to acknowledge that rights and freedoms are not costless. We may reach a point where some of the most harmful choices will need to be restricted.

Grubert is an energy and Earth resources graduate student.

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Designer tailors couture to city's quirks

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

Detailed sketches and inch-long scraps of fabric lie scattered across Austin fashion designer Linda Asaf's worktable. Beneath the table, rolls of silk, satin and cotton fabric are piled into an asymmetrical pyramid. Resting on a silk hanger in the middle of this part-creative mess, part-sanctuary, is Asaf's latest creation — a breathtaking bathing suit ensemble.

It's hard to miss the long, cascading silk-chiffon cover-up and the lavender bikini made of French couture lace. The design is not only a beautiful piece of art but also a metaphor for what the Austin fashion world is becoming, an industry built around glamour and Austin's active lifestyle.

Austin's fashion sense has long been known as quirky and free-spirited, but because of the expanding development of retail exemplified in The Domain, Austin's fashion industry has become couture-conscious.

At the forefront of blending high-end fashion with quirk is Asaf of Linda Asaf Design. Named the best Austin fashion designer by Rare magazine in 2009 and the best bridal designer by Austin Fashion Week last summer, Asaf has been making a name for herself. Asaf meticulously creates clothing that is glamorous and detailed, yet still suitable for a day by the lake or a stroll down South Congress. Asaf's new swimsuit line best sums up this collaboration. On the drawing board for the line, sketches of a high-waist, polka-dot bikini and a one-piece bathing suit with a Henna-painted design signify how Asaf promotes high-end fashion by using quality fabrics, such as Japanese knits and chiffon, yet reflects what Austin is about — retro styles that are



Photos by Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Above, Austin-based designer Linda Asaf has been working in fashion for more than 15 years. She has gained recognition nationwide and was a judge for the Austin casting of Bravo's "The Fashion Show." Below, Linda Asaf's fashion sketches are displayed above racks of finished dresses in her workspace at the corner of West Sixth Street and Oakland Avenue.

in tune with nature.

Apart from launching her new swimsuit line, Asaf was also a casting-call judge for Bravo's "The Fashion Show." The network came to The Art Institute of Austin for a weekend in May seeking emerging designers. Asaf was asked to judge on the first day of casting.

Asaf said 75 percent of the try-outs were bad but that there was the occasional gem. She said Bravo did not get the number of Austin designers they desired, but did find some with great quality.

"They came here because they felt Austin was an untapped market," Asaf said.

For Asaf, becoming a fashion designer was not the first chosen route. After attending Texas A&M, Asaf moved to New York City in 1990 to attend Columbia's business school for her master's in finance and marketing.

Despite landing an ideal job with Citibank, Asaf was unhappy. She said she had a lingering desire to pursue fashion.

"[I had] a voice at the back of my head saying, 'You still want to do fashion and you still want to be an entrepreneur,'" Asaf said. She said she thought that if she could not get rid of this desire, then she would just have to get out there and try.

Asaf left Citibank to run a small fashion company and soon decided to launch her own line.

But after 10 years of living in New York City and losing both her mother and brother during her time there, Asaf felt homesick and decided it was time to return to Texas.

Asaf said that while fashion is an overall competitive industry, the struggle of making it in New York City versus Austin is very



different. Asaf said that when she started out in 1990s, the garment district was extremely rough.

"The factories were just so gritty," she said. "It was depressing."

Asaf said she thinks there's a lot

of talent with Austin, whether it's in film, music or fashion.

"[Fashion] is definitely the young one on the scene," she said.

"It's a little sapling, but it has a lot of potential to grow."

'Yacht' sails into town with vegan-friendly fare

By Katherine Kloc
Daily Texan Staff

Mike and Danielle Wood, a vegan couple who met while working at Whole Foods Market, opened The Vegan Yacht in May after they realized it was virtually impossible to find a late-night venue in Austin that serves animal-free products.

Located behind Cheer Up Charlie's on East Sixth Street, the Airstream trailer is decorated simply with a few potted plants and a winding tree branch by the window. Because of its affiliation with the bar, The Vegan Yacht avoids common problems that most food carts face, such as a lack of parking or seating.

With only five main dishes, the menu is modest, but it offers a diversity rarely found among street-food vendors. Customers can

choose from two varieties of sandwiches, organic tempeh chili, quesadillas and lettuce wraps. Vegan cheese and an assortment of veggies can be added to any meal, and sandwiches can be served on ciabatta, French or tomato focaccia bread, all of which are locally made and organic.

The mock-chicken sammie is a unique take on the traditional chicken-salad sandwich. It may be dairy-free, but it doesn't taste like it's missing anything. The rosemary in the olive ciabatta bread contrasts with the tang of the sauce nicely, and the crisp lettuce and fresh tomato add dimension to the sandwich. The bread is toasted perfectly, and the tofu is understated to allow for the other flavors to dominate the sandwich. The seitan, or wheat gluten, quesadilla is equally satisfying with its

vegan cheese, homemade seitan, organic bell peppers, onions and avocado. The vegan cheese is creamier than one would expect, and its distinctive cheddar flavor unites the dish — a more appealing version of Velveeta. The tortilla, which comes from El Milagro Tortillas, is hearty and thick, and the quesadilla is served with pico de gallo on the side.

The main dishes are filling, but it's doubtful that one would feel overstuffed after eating. As one Yelp.com reviewer said, "It perfectly hit the spot, and I wasn't all 'food baby' afterwards."

In addition to the main dishes, The Vegan Yacht offers fair-trade coffee, organic smoothies and a small selection of desserts. Its beet brownie is made with carob, a healthier alternative

to chocolate, which provides a pleasantly unique chocolatey flavor without being overpowering. The beet flavor is subtle, assuring that the moist, red-hued brownie would please even the biggest vegan skeptics.

The downside of The Vegan Yacht is its hours. Closed all day Monday and Tuesday and from 3 to 7 p.m. every other day, The Vegan Yacht mostly caters to the late-night crowd. But for those who are out and about from 7 p.m. to "late" Wednesday to Saturday, this trailer full of vegan grub is a healthy late-night option.

While more expensive than most food carts — main dishes range from \$5 to \$9 — The Vegan Yacht presents a happy medium between cheaper, lower-quality trailers and more expensive, sit-down vegan spots.

PLAY PREVIEW THE WIZARD OF OZ

Beloved kids' show follows yellow-brick road to UT

By Neha Aziz
Daily Texan Staff

As often as Americans use phrases such as, "We're not in Kansas anymore," and, "Just follow the yellow-brick road," it's not hard to understand why "The Wizard of Oz" remains one of the most-performed musical theater productions in the country. To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the original 1939 film adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz," Broadway Across America took the production to the road in 2009. This weekend, BAA will team up with Texas Performing Arts to host "The Wizard of Oz" here in Austin.

BAA isn't your average touring group. Drawing from talent in more than 40 cities in North America, BAA also makes an effort to reach out to the communities in which it performs. For example, in each of the cities the BAA production of "The Wizard of Oz" travels to, children from local performing arts schools are recruited for roles as Munchkins.

For Austin's version of BAA's show, a total of 12 children ranging in age from 9 to 13 will grace the stage, alongside seasoned actors in lead roles.

Jessie Coleman, who plays the Cowardly Lion and has performed in more than 200 shows with the BAA tour, has seen the smiles on children's faces across the country as they get a chance to perform in a Broadway-caliber production.

"It's great. It gives [the children] an opportunity to have fun and work in a professional environment," Coleman said. "The one thing about this musical is that it is something that the whole family can enjoy, whether you are a parent or teenager. Humor appeals to anyone and everyone."

Jaclyn Loewenstein of ZACH Theatre's Pre-Professional Musical Theatre Training Program was in charge of the Munchkin castings and rehearsals, but insists that local children aren't the only addition that makes this new production of "The Wizard of Oz" unique.

"We stay pretty true to the 1939 film, but we put some modern elements into it," Loewenstein said. "There [are] a few little surprises in the script; we have amazing special effects and a lot of art-deco influence."

This revamped version of "The Wizard of Oz" is scheduled to premiere tonight at Bass Concert Hall.

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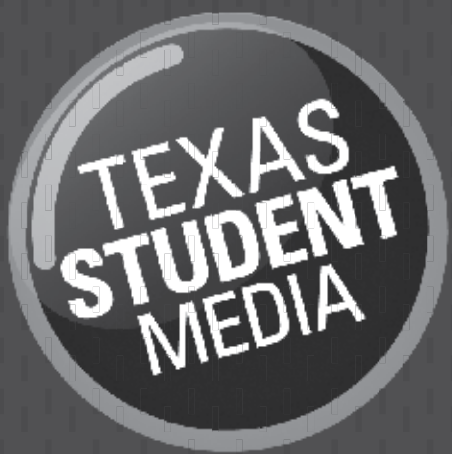
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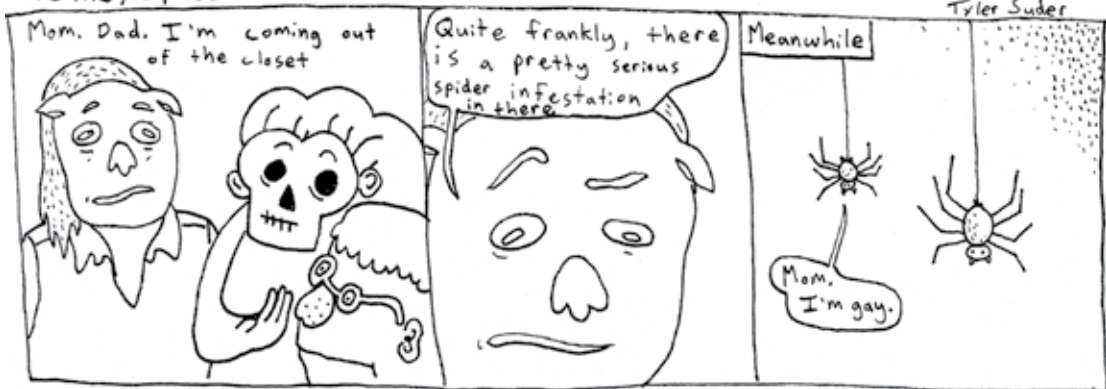
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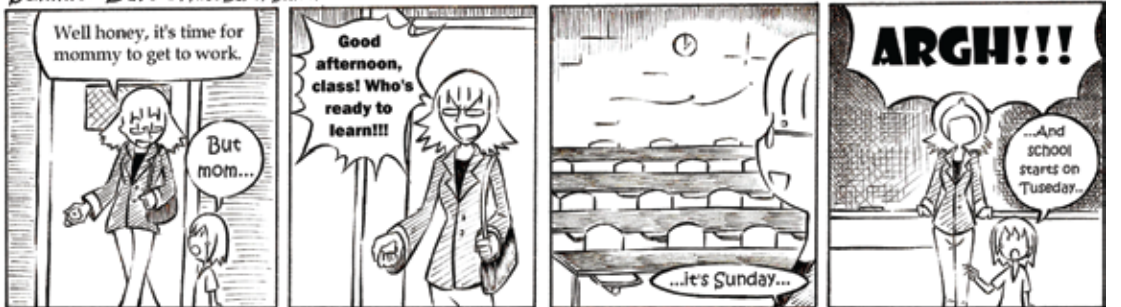
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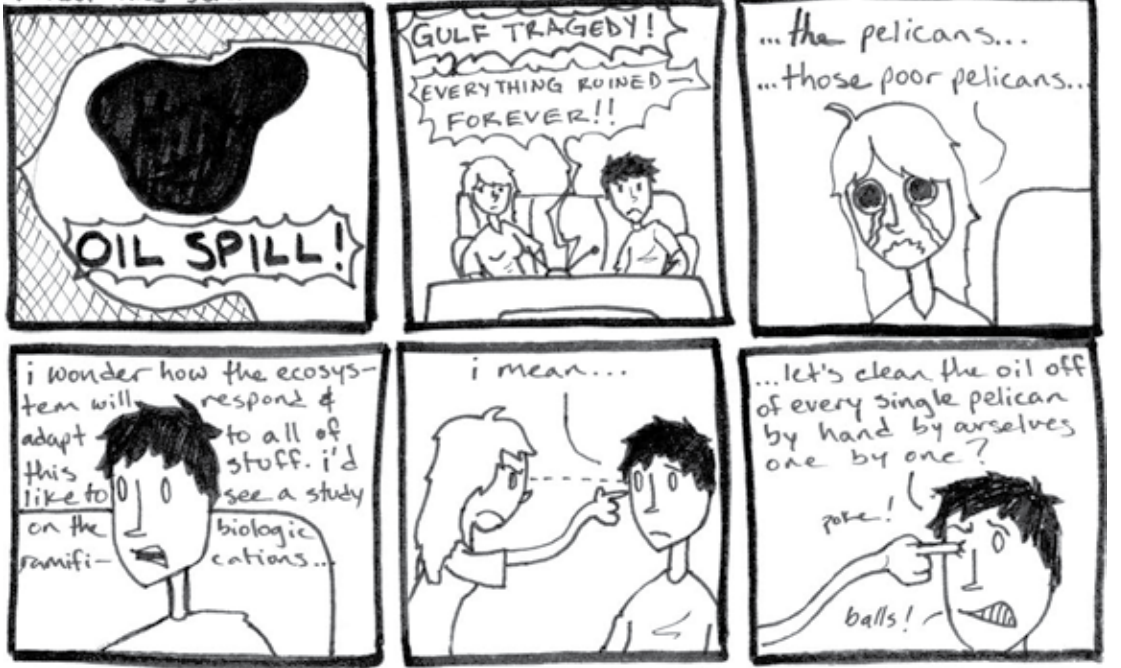
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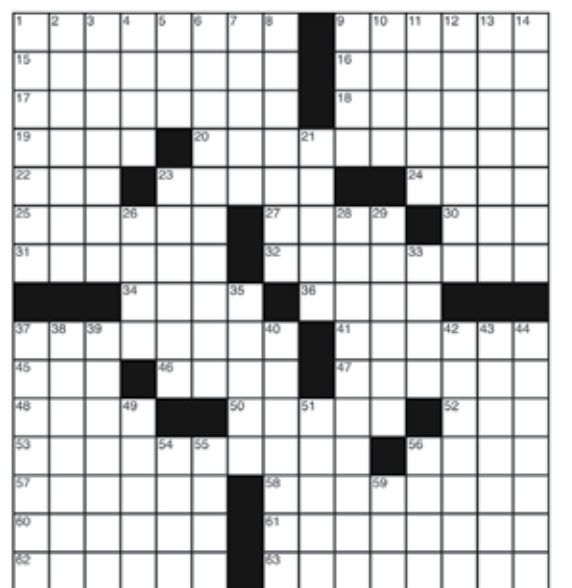


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 - 9 Necessary
 - 15 Alternative to Holiday Inn
 - 16 First name that's feminine in English and masculine in Italian
 - 17 Picker-uppers?
 - 18 Steps taken on a farm?
 - 19 Ball holders
 - 20 Nickname since 1959
 - 22 "... you!"
 - 23 Fern feature
 - 24 Voiceless, in phonetics
 - 25 National capital on a river of the same name
 - 27 Dinner ____
 - 30 Union opponent
 - 31 Big company located in Times Square
 - 32 Salesperson who may give you a ring
 - 34 Knock out, in a way
 - 36 Film character who lives to be 877
 - 37 Swiss cheese ingredient
 - 41 Component of a track meet
 - 45 Old Spanish queen
 - 46 With 35-Down, something meant to be shaken
 - 47 Naturally bright
 - 48 High-school put-down
 - 50 Drainage area
 - 52 Big inits. in camping
 - 53 Musician nicknamed El Rey
 - 56 Guilt symptom
 - 57 Support in a stadium
 - 58 Staple of classic rock, informally
 - 60 Still
 - 61 Spread out over time, in a way
 - 62 Welcome cry for the seasick
 - 63 Slurs
- Down**
- 1 Rapture
 - 2 C.I.A. director under Obama
 - 3 Battery used to measure brightness?
 - 4 Providers of tips for improving one's English?
 - 5 Five bones
 - 6 "True Blood" actress
 - 7 ____-Ethiopian War, 1935-36
 - 8 His #2 was retired in 1997
 - 9 Org. with the motto "For the benefit of all"
 - 10 Docs with penlights
 - 11 Shortens, maybe
 - 12 Big name in radio advice
 - 13 Really embarrassed, perhaps
 - 14 Passed effortlessly
 - 21 Emotionally tough to take
 - 23 They're all abuzz



Puzzle by Tyler Hinman

- 26 Elaborates
- 28 Treat on a stick
- 29 Evasive maneuver
- 33 Gone flat?
- 35 See 46-Across
- 37 Key
- 38 The tiniest bit
- 39 Opposite of pacific
- 40 Annual celebration with candles
- 42 They're basic
- 43 Put on a pedestal
- 44 Symbol of chastity
- 49 Lavished gifts (on)
- 51 Cuts off
- 54 Deluxe
- 55 "Come ____ these yellow sands"; "The Tempest"
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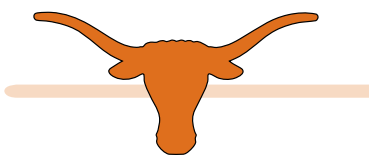
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Texas vs. TCU: The fight for Omaha

Texas plans on using pitching to go all the way

By Austin Ries
Daily Texan Staff

The Horns are in exactly the same position they were in last year — two wins against TCU, and they get a spot in the College World Series with a shot at the national title.

First, though, they have to get through arguably the second-best pitching staff in the nation (behind Texas, of course) whose weekend starters have a combined record of 35-2. But head coach Augie Garrido isn't concerned about the Horned Frogs.

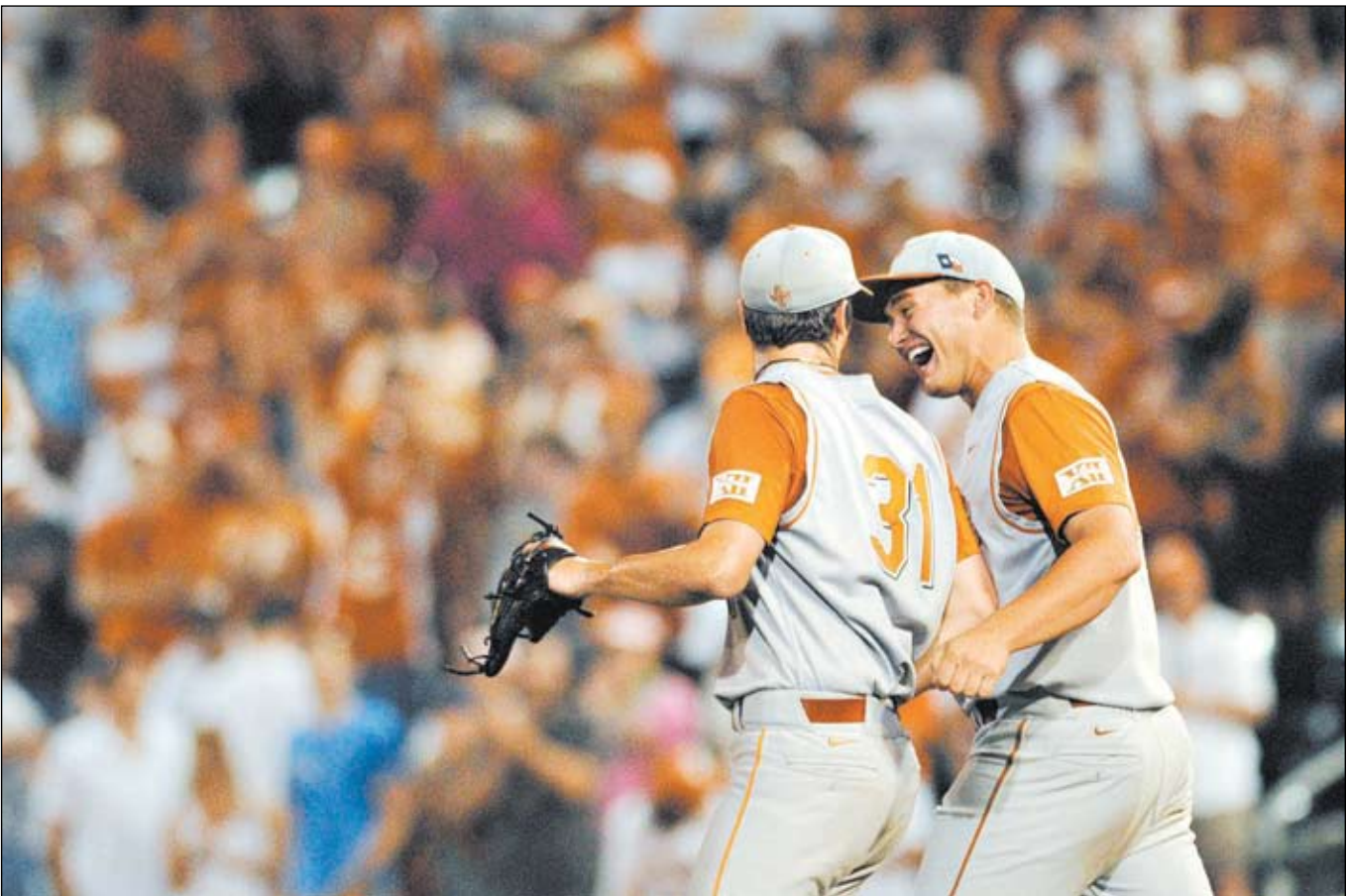
"We are going to play baseball, and TCU is going to play baseball," Garrido said. "The game is so complicated, we really do concentrate on ourselves and perform and control the things we can."

Texas might be in the same place it was last year, but it got there in a completely differently way than it did last season. Most of all, the journey there just seemed easier.

There was no 25-inning marathon with a supernatural pitching performance. No walk-off grand slam to send the Horns into the super-regional round. There was just pitching, more pitching and enough runs for the Horns to all but cruise past each team.

It started on the back of Brandon Workman, who usually starts on Sundays, and his six-hit complete game. Then it was Cole Green and, finally, Taylor Jungmann, who pitched one of the best games of his career at Texas to take down Rice 4-1.

"They've got a great program, and we give them credit because they've been here two years in a row at the super regional. And we are honored to play them," Green said. "But this group of guys is a group that's going to fight whether it's TCU or the Yankees."



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Cole Green celebrates with pitcher Chance Ruffin after Texas' 4-2 win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

Green is expected to start in game one Friday for Texas against TCU freshman ace Matt Purke, who is 13-0 in the season, putting Workman back in his normal spot as the Sunday starter if necessary. Workman, along with six other Longhorns, was drafted this week on Tuesday. In the second round, Workman was taken by the Boston Red Sox, along with Green and Chance Ruffin to the Detroit Tigers, Cameron Rupp to the Philadelphia Phillies and the group of Kevin Keyes, Con-

nor Rowe and Russell Moldenhauer to the Washington Nationals.

But Workman knows that before he can start thinking about his future, his team has to focus this weekend against a very talented TCU squad.

The Horns will also have to rely on their bullpen, which didn't get any action except for 3.1 innings from closer Chance Ruffin. Facing a TCU pitching staff very similar to Texas', it could come down to big performances from the relievers.

"We are always ready to go," freshman Hoby Milner said. "It's a good thing when we don't have to throw starters because they are going long, or were scoring a lot of runs."

As for Garrido, he's been in this position before and likes to live by the words of the late John Wooden.

"Take care of your own family and own responsibilities," Garrido said, "and if the other team can beat you, tip your hat to them."

Purke's pitching serves as threat to Texas

Freshman pitcher to face Texas in this weekend's NCAA super regionals

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This weekend's super regional matchup between Texas and TCU will showcase some of the country's best pitching.

TCU enters the best-of-three series with a 3.48 ERA, the seventh-best in the country. The Horned Frogs' starters are a combined 35-2, and have only surrendered a total of 99 earned runs.

For Texas head coach Augie Garrido, those numbers, when combined with Texas', can lead to an entertaining series.

"It's gonna be an exciting weekend of exceptional college baseball if the statistics have anything to say about it," Garrido said. "If [the statistics] become consistent, the teams are pretty identical in a lot of ways. There are no pitch-

ing mismatches."

Matt Purke, TCU's freshman ace with the most wins in the country (13-0), will take the mound Friday night. His addition to the Horned Frogs' lineup will give them an added edge they didn't have last year, when Texas defeated them in three games to earn a trip to the College World Series.

"I think their consistency with their pitching and the added depth in their pitching with the three starters being so consistent [makes them better]," Garrido said when asked about the difference between this year's TCU team compared to last year's.

But for all that is said about TCU's strength on the mound, the same could be said of Texas, which boasts a 2.44 ERA, the lowest in the country. And when it comes to individual numbers, Texas closer Chance Ruffin has the best ERA in the country with his 0.73 ERA.

Where the Horned Frogs have an

advantage is on offense. This year, Texas has scored 411 runs, good for 113th in the country, while TCU has knocked in 535 runs. And as far as batting averages go, TCU has the No. 10-ranked team average at .345. Texas is only batting .289.

"You could argue that their hitting is better than ours, but all in all, on any given day, on any given weekend, when you have teams so evenly matched with identical records, it's just going to be a lot of fun for everyone to see the games play out," Garrido said.

As evenly matched as these teams are on paper, though, the winner will likely be decided by factors that the numbers on paper don't reflect.

"They hit well last year; they hit well again this year," Garrido said. "They played good defense last year; they've played good defense this year. It'll be about the little things and the intangibles. And probably a lot of things you can't control."



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Texas Christian University pitcher Steven Maxwell delivers a pitch against Baylor on Sunday.

WORLD CUP

Focus placed on competitive US vs. England



By Michael Sheffield
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The countdown clock in the top-right corner of my screen has ticked, and ticked, and ticked, all the way to zero. Time's up.

As we awaken this morning — or afternoon, as the case may be — it will be to the humming of vuvuzelas, screams of "Goal!" and cries of victory and defeat on the biggest stage in the world.

In almost every measurable way, the next 30 days culminate in the biggest global event the world of organized sports has to offer: the FIFA World Cup.

Thirty-two teams, one tiny trophy. But instead of an all-inclusive attempt at a preview or an argument hastily thrown together as to why you should care — because if you don't at this point, I don't even want to talk to you — all my attention is focused on a single match: U.S. versus England on June 12 at 1:30 p.m.

It was 60 years ago when Ameri-

ca shocked the soccer world with a 1-0 win over England in Brazil during the World Cup.

It is both a measure of how far the U.S. has come and a reality check as to how far it has to go that proves how a U.S. win or draw would not be a huge upset on Saturday.

While English newspapers reacted to the Group C drawing, which also includes Algeria and Slovenia, with a headline that read "England Algeria Slovenia Yanks," spelling out "EASY," there has been no such hubris expressed by England's players.

For the first time in a mostly undistinguished history, the American soccer team has earned some well-deserved respect internationally. Most of this respect comes from the plays of Clint Dempsey and Tim Howard, two Americans who have become stars in the English Premier League. Landon Donovan's brief but productive stint on the Everton Football Club this season didn't hurt, either.

The same can also be said for Carlos Bocanegra's long and successful stay with the Fulham Football Club, Dempsey's current team.

Depending on the lineup head coach Bob Bradley configures, there could be as many as three Major League Soccer players in the starting 11 against England, with the rest coming from various leagues around Europe and, potentially, Mexico.

That's not to say the U.S. should expect anything more than a loss at the hands (or rather feet) of the three lions tomorrow. While the American team has made great strides in the past 20 years by qualifying for every World Cup in that time span — a feat not even England accomplished — there is still a sizable gulf in talent between the two.

From the Revolutionary War against England, though, to the 1950 World Cup upset and now, with its recent 2-0 win over Spain, the U.S. has gained a certain reputation — that of the underdog.

As Thomas Paine wrote 235 years ago, "The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

On the soccer pitch, Saturday's match against England might be the most difficult matchup the United States will face during the World Cup. Now the only question left is, who will triumph?

SIDELINE

NBA

Lakers 89
Celtics 96

MLB

American League

NY Yankees 3
Orioles 4

Red Sox 7
Indians 8

Blue Jays 3
Rays 2

Mariners 3
Rangers 12

Royals 9
Twins 8

Tigers 0
Chi White Sox 3

LA Angels 1
Athletics 6

National League

Pirates 2
Nationals 4

Giants 6
Reds 7

Padres 0
NY Mets 3

Chi Cubs 4
Brewers 5

Astros 5
Rockies 4

Braves 11
Diamondbacks 7

Marlins 2
Phillies 0

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Texas, Texas A&M leaders meet to discuss conference move

The presidents and athletic directors of Texas and Texas A&M met Thursday to discuss the future of their athletic programs and the Big 12 after Colorado accepted an invitation to join the Pac-10 and with Nebraska weighing a move to the Big Ten.

A person briefed about the discussions said the situation was "still fluid" and the Texas schools could stay in the Big 12. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation, said everyone was waiting for Nebraska's expected announcement Friday.

If Nebraska also leaves the Big 12, other schools could follow. The Pac-10 is reportedly interested in inviting Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech to form a 16-team league, while the Aggies could also head to the Southeastern Conference.

Among topics discussed was how the Big 12 could operate with fewer teams, the person said, and the consequences, such as possible litigation should there be a mass exodus that could leave some teams behind.

Texas president William Powers Jr., athletic director DeLoss Dodds and women's athletic director Chris Plonsky met with Texas A&M president Bowen Loftin, athletic director Bill Byrne and other university system officials at an undisclosed location. Baylor was also represented in those discussions, but Texas Tech officials said they were not there.

Dodds has said he wants to keep the Big 12 together, and Texas A&M spokesman Jason Cook said the talks Thursday included "several topics of mutual interest to both institutions" but that "no decisions were made or agreements reached."

During a conference call, Pac-10 Commissioner Larry Scott declined to comment on what other schools may be invited. Texas did not comment on Colorado's decision to leave.

"There are several different scenarios that could play out here," Scott said. Scott even said the Pac-10 could add Colorado and no one else.

Baylor and Texas Tech officials have said that even if the Big 12 breaks apart, they want to remain with Texas and Texas A&M as members of the same conference. Baylor, the only private school in the Big 12, could get left behind.

"Baylor is working feverishly to keep the Big 12 together," athletic director Ian McCaw said Thursday. "It is of special importance to keep the four Big 12 schools from Texas together."

— The Associated Press



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United States' Clint Dempsey celebrates his goal during the World Cup warm-up soccer match against Turkey on May 29.